

## 9.D Black Lung Benefits

Table 9.D3.—Currently payable to miners and widows, by age, December 1998 <sup>1</sup>

Age	Total		Miners		Widows	
	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>2</sup>	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>2</sup>	Number	Average monthly benefit <sup>3</sup>
Total.....	491,852	\$474.74	417,810	\$547.73	474,042	\$457.18
Under 45 .....	187	469.76	31	499.26	156	463.90
45–54 .....	463	459.24	34	458.47	429	459.31
55–64 .....	2,770	474.56	626	532.92	2,144	457.52
65–74 .....	14,280	482.20	3,626	552.88	10,654	458.14
75–84 .....	40,025	476.21	7,720	554.09	32,305	457.60
85 and older .....	34,051	470.16	5,759	538.52	28,292	456.25

<sup>1</sup>Benefits payable under Part B of the Black Lung program established by the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. Beginning Oct. 1, 1997, responsibility for maintenance and payment of Part B benefits was transferred from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to the Department of Labor (DOL); SSA, however, maintains responsibility for conducting formal hearings necessary to resolve contested issues with regard to Part B claims. Benefits under Part C (generally claims arising July 1, 1973 and later) are also administered by the DOL but are not included here.

<sup>2</sup>Includes benefits for wives and children.

<sup>3</sup>Includes benefits for surviving children, brothers, sisters, and divorced wives. Prior to December 1997, monthly payments for surviving children were included with payments to miners.

<sup>4</sup>Includes miners and widows for whom age is not available.